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(c) whether any members have been appointed to represent municipalities whose jurisdictions are contiguous to those of such boards and committees;

(d) if not, why Government have omitted to appoint such representatives; and

(e) whether Government propose to take any action to make good such omission?

A.—(a) & (b) A statement [a] giving the information required is laid on the table.

(c), (d) & (e) The members who are also members of the Council of the municipality in which the port lies are indicated in the statement. These members have been appointed to Port Conservancy Boards or Landing and Shipping Fees Committees not because they are members of a municipal council but because they are interested in the trade of the port. The Government consider that the best members of a Board or Committee are those who are directly interested and concerned in the work of the port.

[For further list of unstarred questions, vide page 495 infra.]

## STARRED QUESTIONS

### Agency

*Rural water-supply in Polavaram division.*

* *310 Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the particulars of the three years' programme for the improvement of rural water-supply in the Polavaram division submitted to Government by the Government Agent, East Godavari, with reference to G.O. No. 310, Revenue, dated 9th February 1928, and also the orders of Government thereon?

A.—A copy of the three years' programme [b] for the improvement of rural water-supply in the Polavaram division, East Godavari Agency, is appended to the answer. The question of financing the scheme is under the consideration of the Government.

### Gazetteers

*Compilation of District Gazetteers.*

*311 Q.—Mr. Basheer Ahmad Sayeed Sahib: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that no Gazetteers have hitherto been compiled for certain districts in the Madras Presidency;

(b) if so, what are those districts, and why no Gazetteers have been compiled and published so far;

(c) whether any officer was at any time deputed to prepare Gazetteers for those districts;

(d) if so, who were the persons so deputed and for what districts and within what time they were asked to complete the Gazetteers;

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a Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 584–585 infra.
b Printed as Appendix IX on pages 585–586 infra.